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Come on, Buddy, Quit being a BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

IN 10 MINUTES OF FUN A DAY **YOU Can do ALL I did!**

I gained **25 Terrific LBS. of HANDSOME POWER-PACKED MUSCLES** all over!

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I won **NEW POPULARITY** for NEW FRIENDS, BOYS & GIRLS NEW CHANCES for BUSINESS SUCCESS

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Pal!
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\$100
as I just
did!



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GET ALL 5 FREE!

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2
3
4
5



YOU CAN WIN a BIG 15 DOLLAR CUP as I just did with YOUR NAME engraved on it!



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AFTER

He Mailed Coupon before he Ovarolored

BEFORE

He Mailed Coupon to his Business He says, I gained 70 lbs. of mighty muscle



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Mail Coupon in Time for FREE offer and PRIZES!

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In **JUSTICE'S CONSCIENCE**

FASTER, BLACK DIAMOND!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT SARKWIT,
WHATEVER HE IS, BEFORE
HE GETS US!

BANG!
BANG!

ZIP!

ZING!

WHOA, BLACK DIAMOND! IT LOOKS AS
IF THOSE SHOTS WEREN'T AHEAD FOR
US AFTER ALL! IT WAS JUST
TARGET PRACTICE — BUT
MIGHTY DANGEROUS
PRACTICE AT THAT!

EXCUSE ME, OLD
TIMBER, BUT I
SUGGEST YOU DO
YOUR SHOOTING
SOME OTHER
PLACE! YOU'RE
TOO NEAR THE
TRAIL HERE AND
YOU'RE LIKELY
TO HIT SOME
INNOCENT
PASTORRY!

I MEANT NO
HARM! I'LL STOP
RIGHT AWAY! BUT
IT'S LIKE TO ASK
A FAVOR! IF
YOU'RE HEADING
FOR TOWN,
MAYBE YOU
COULD GIVE AN
OLD MAN A
LIFT!

Inter. In town. —
WELL, HERE'S THE HOTEL!
NOW YOU CAN GET YOUR-
SELF A ROOM
AS YOU
PLANNED!

THANKS FOR
THE RIDE!
MAYBE SOME DAY
I'LL BE ABLE TO DO
YOU A FAVOR!

**TULSA
JAIL.**



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I'M AFRAID YOU JUST BROUGHT TROUBLE INTO TOWN, LASH!

TROUBLE, SHERIFF?



YES, LASH! THAT'S CYRUS PLATT, WHO USED TO OWN THE **BAR DOUBLE-T RANCH** HERE! HE LEFT TOWN SUCH MANY YEARS AGO, BUT SURE HE'D BE BACK TO GET EVEN WITH THE HOMBERS WHO CHEATED HIM OUT OF HIS RANCH!

CHEATED HIM OUT OF THE **BAR DOUBLE-T**?



ACCORDING TO PLATT, YES, BUT HE, NOR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER, COULD EVER PROVE IT! IT SEEMS THAT HE HAD BORROWED A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY FROM TWO MEN IN TOWN...



—GILBEY AND CHASE, AND HAD PUT UP HIS RANCH AS SECURITY!—

HAVE THE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, PLATT? BUT REMEMBER, IF YOU CAN'T PAY IT BACK BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, CHASE AND I TAKE OVER YOUR RANCH!

I VALUE MY RANCH MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD, SO YOU'LL HAVE YOUR MONEY BY THEN!

WELL, IF PLATT COULDN'T PAY THEIR BACK AND THEY FORGOTTEN ON HIS RANCH, HE CERTAINLY COULDN'T CALL THAT CREAM!

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED! PLATT DID HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY THE LOAN BACK!



—AND ON THE DAY IT WAS DUE, HE STARTED OUT WITH IT TOWARD GILBEY AND CHASE'S OFFICE WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED AND RETURNED—

I'VE GOT THE MONEY...LET'S YANGOSE!



WHEN PLATT CAME TO, HE CAME RUNNING HERE, CLAIMING THAT IN SPIES OF THE MARCH HE HAD FORGOTTEN THE BARRIES! HE SAID THEY WERE GILBEY AND CHASE!

BUT WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE HUNTER TO ROB THE MONEY THAT WAS GOING TO BE PAID OVER TO THEM UNLESS THEY WERE MORE INTERESTED IN GRABBING THE RANCH!



THAT WAS PLATT'S OPINION, BUT HE COULDN'T PROVE IT! THE SHOCK OF LOSING THE RANCH MADE HIM SICK, AND HE LEFT TOWN, VOWING HE'D RETURN TO GET EVEN WITH GILBEY AND CHASE!

I CAN SEE WHY YOU EXPECT TROUBLE NOW THAT PLATT'S BACK IN TOWN! IF YOU NEED HELP, I'LL BE AROUND!

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Later, at the Bar Double-T —

WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHASE? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU JUST SAW A GHOST!

WORSE THAN THAT! I JUST SAW PLATT! HE'S RETURNED TO TULSA, GILBEY!

SO WHAT? THAT'S NOTHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT! HE'S GOT NOTHING AGAINST US!

EVER SINCE WE ROBBED HIM SO WE COULD TAKE OVER THE RANCH, MY CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN TORMENTING ME! THE LEAST WE COULD DO IS RETURN THE MONEY HE STOLE FROM HIM!



IF I'D DID THAT, YOU KNOW FOR SURE WE STOLE THE MONEY FROM HIM!

BUT WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! MY CONSCIENCE IS KILLING ME!

IF YOU EVER SO HEAR PLATT, IT WON'T BE YOUR CONSCIENCE THAT'LL KILL YOU — NOW STOP WHIMING AND GO TO SLEEP!



During the night —

I'LL TAKE JUST THE AMOUNT WE STOLE FROM PLATT! I'LL THINK OF SOME REASON ON THE WAY TO THE HOTEL TO SAY WHY I'M GIVING HIM THE MONEY WITHOUT GIVING GILBEY AND ME ANY!



Later —

PLATT NEVER EVEN SUSPECTED WHY I GAVE HIM THE MONEY! HE REALLY THINKS IT WAS JUST BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SEE HIM GET A START IN LIFE AGAIN! NOW MYBE MEN CONSCIENCE WON'T BOTHER ME!

HOW TO BETTER GET BACK TO THE BAR DOUBLE-T? I JUST REMEMBERED! I LEFT THE SAFE OPEN AND I WANT TO CLOSE IT BEFORE GILBEY SEES IT AND GUESSES WHAT I DID!

But it's too late for that!

THAT CRAZY POOL, CHASE! IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME WHAT HE WAS UP TO —



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Later, at the Jailhouse—

WHERE'S THE SHERIFF?

HE'S OUT! I'M A BOVING MARSHAL! MAY I BE OF SERVICE?



YUH SURE CAN! I DISCOVERED THIS MORNING THAT SOMEONE ROBBED MY SAFE OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THEN I FOUND THIS NOTE ON MY HORSE'S SADDLE!

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS? THAT'S THE SAM FLATT CLAIMED CHASE GAVE TO HIM! BUT IF HE STOLE IT, HE WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO THE JAILHOUSE WITH IT!



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN—
"LIKE I GOT CHASE"
AND
"YOU KNOW WHO!"?

I CAN'T ANSWER THE FIRST PART, MARSHAL, BUT THAT CRAZY FLATT'S PROBABLY THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND PART! ONE THING I DO KNOW IS THAT I NEED PROTECTION! SOMEONE'S GOT TO RIDE BACK TO MY RANCH WITH ME! I'M AFRAID TO GO ALONE!



THERE'S SOMETHING PECULIAR GOING ON, BUT MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT IF I PLAY ALONG!

I'LL RIDE BACK WITH YOU! LEAD THE WAY!



When they reach the hills—

IT'S CHASE, ALL RIGHT! NOW WE KNOW WHAT FLATT MEANT—
"I'LL GET YUH LIKE I GOT CHASE!"

WE HAVE NO PROOF THAT FLATT DID IT! NEVERTHELESS, AS SOON AS I GET YOU BACK TO YOUR RANCH, I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM!



I'M NOT FAR FROM THE RANCH NOW, LASH! I CAN GO ON FROM HERE MYSELF! THE QUICKER YUH GET AFTER THAT FLATT, THE BETTER!

LET'S GO, BLACK DIAMOND!



At the same time, in the hotel—

THAT WAS A MIGHTY INTERESTING NOTE! I DON'T KNOW WHO SENT IT, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO FIND OUT IF WHAT IT SAYS IS TRUE!



When Lash arrives—

AND AS SOON AS HE READ THE NOTE THAT WAS LEFT HIM, FOR HIM, HE RUSHED OUT! I SAW HIM Toss THE NOTE OVER THERE BEFORE HE LEFT!

IT'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK AT THAT NOTE, TOO!



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THE NOTE WAS WRITTEN BY THE SAME PERSON WHO WROTE THE OTHER ONE! THAT PROVES PLATT DIDN'T WRITE IT!

The proof you're looking for can be found under the sign at the Bar Double-T! If you go there now you'll be able to arrest in peace! No one will be there!

IT ALSO CLEARS UP WHAT'S GOING ON! PLATT DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT HE'S WALKING INTO A TRAP!

Later, at the Bar Double-T --

EVERYTHING'S WORKED OUT PERFECTLY! THE MARSHAL LEFT ME JUST AS I THOUGHT HE WOULD WHEN HE FOUND CHASE AND NOW MR. COMES PLATT!

NOW I'LL GET HIM AND CLAIM IT WAS IN SELF-DEFENSE! NO ONE WILL QUESTION ME -- THEY'LL ALL THINK HE STOLE THE MONEY AND KILLED CHASE FOR REVENGE!

But as Glibby takes aim --

I FIGURED I'D CATCH YOU OFF GUARD IF I CAME IN THE BACK WAY --

...AND THANK GOODNESS, I GOT HERE BEFORE PLATT DID!

OH, I DON'T EXPECT TO FIND ANYONE HERE!

I KNOW YOU DIDN'T, PLATT! DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL HIM WHAT HE WOULD HAVE FOUND, GILBERT, OR WILL YOU?

I KNOW I'M NOT AS SMART AS I THOUGHT I WAS! I'LL COMPESS ALL!

...AND WITH GILBERT'S CONFESSION IN WRITING, THE BAR DOUBLE-T RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO YOU AGAIN, PLATT!

I SEE NOW THAT JUSTICE ALWAYS WINS OUT IN THE END!

I GUESS OUR JOB AROUND HERE IS FINISHED, BLACK DIAMOND! LET'S HIT THE TRAIL!

JAILHOUSE

LAZY LEE

WE'LL
PREPARED!!



BOXCAR BENNY

IS PUZZLED!



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WHIP HATER





IT WAS JUST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DAY
THOSE TWO WERE TO BE SET FREE...
WHEN NOT FIVE FROM THE JAILHOUSE...



WHAT'S WRONG
BETWEEN THOSE
TWO?

THAT DUDE YELLED
OUT ABOUT HATE!
EVERYBODY WITH WHIPS
... AND THEN HE JUST UP
AND JUMPED THE
STAGE DRIVER!



YOU'LL BE NEEDIN'
TO COOL OFF, MISTER.
AND THERE'S NO COOL-
ER SPOT IN TOWN THAN
THE JAILHOUSE.

I DID WHAT I
WANTED / I / (GROANS)
BROKE HIS WHIP
IN TWO!



CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL -- FATE OR JUST
RIGH' BAD LUCK -- BUT THE YOUNG DUDE
WOUND UP IN THE SAME CELL WITH THE
TWO THAT HATED LASH LA RUE!

WHAT'RE ARE
YOU IN FOR, KID?



I-I SAW THIS MAN WITH THE
WHIP... AND BEHOLD I KNEW IT!
I FOUND MYSELF LEAPING AT HIM!
I-I COULDN'T STOP! I SAW ALL
HIS RED CURRY KNIFE!



TELL US
MORE, KID!

TELL US
HOW YOU
HATE THEM!



SO THE DUDE TOLD THEM HOW AS A YOUNG 'UN, HE'D HAD A WHIP-TOTTING, NEAR-BULLY OF A STEP-FATHER. NOW THAT LOW-DOWN MAN HAD KEPT USING HIS WHIP TO 'SPREAD HUST' WHEREVER HE WENT...



IF HE HADN'T BEEN ARRESTED BY SOME BRAVE LAW-OFFICER WHO KNOWS WHAT LENGTHS HE'D HAVE GONE TO WITH THAT WHIP! I NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN. MY MOTHER HAD SENT ME BACK EAST BEFORE HIS ARREST... AND HE DIED IN JAIL!



ALL THESE YEARS, I'VE KEPT HAVING NIGHTMARES ABOUT WHIPS! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SEE SOMEBODY CARRYING A WHIP, AND I LOSE ALL CONTROL! I-I GUESS I WAS WRONG TO COME WEST AGAIN.....



SO THEY STARTED POURING 'POISON' INTO THAT POOR DUDE'S EAR!

LASH LASH / BULLWHIP / LASH LASH / BULLWHIP!



YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST HEARD?

HE'S THE PERFECT WAY TO GET LASH LASH... WITHOUT ANY OF US GETTIN HURT!



AND IN A WEEZE TIME, WHEN THEY V EEE ALL 'SET LOOSE TOGETHER --

WE LIKE YOU, AND THAT'S WHY BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING ELSE, WE'RE GON' TO HELP YOU GET LASH LASH!



Now! The Amazing Facts about

BALDNESS

...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT



The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their refusal to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or alopecia, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from decay of the scalp.
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body.
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness).
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches).
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness).
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness).

Scalp, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be readily classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

1. DRY SEBORRHEA: The hair is dry, brittle, and without gloss. It may fall out and is usually present with accompanying skin eruptions. Hair loss is considerable and continues with the progress of the disease.

2. OILY SEBORRHEA: The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky on the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Shedding takes the form of small scales or small clots. Hair loss is severe with baldness at the end result.

Many doctors agree that to NEGLECT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA IS AN INVITE BALDNESS.

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms — *trichophyton*, *albugo*, *phytoptorum* and, and some bacilli.

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this fat gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration 1.)

But seborrhea can be controlled, particularly in its early stages. The three germ organisms believed to cause seborrhea, can and should be eliminated before they destroy your normal hair growth.

A post-war development, Comate Medicinal Formula kills these three germ organisms on contact. Proof of Comate's germ-killing properties has been demonstrated in laboratory tests recently conducted by one of the leading testing laboratories in America. (Complete report on file and copies are available on request.)

When used as directed, Comate Medicinal Formula controls seborrhea—stimulates the flow of blood to the scalp—helps stop scalp itch and thus improves the appearance of your hair and scalp—helps STOP HAIR LOSS due to seborrhea. Your hair looks more attractive and alive.

You may safely follow the example of thousands who first were skeptical, then curious, and finally decided to avail themselves of Comate Medicinal Formula.



DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES Caused by Seborrhea

A — Dry scalp. B — Seborrheic scalp. C — Seborrheic scalp with enlarged sebaceous glands. D — Atrophic follicles.

A Few of the Many Grateful Testimonials By Users of Comate Medicinal Formula

"My hair was coming out for years and I tried everything. Nothing stopped it until I used Comate. Now my hair has stopped coming out. It is like a fresh growth. My friends have noticed my hair and they say it looks as though it were new." —Mrs. R.H.J., Birmingham, Ala.

"Your hair formula got rid of not only dandruff, but head itch and skin eruptions. I think it is the best of all of the formulas I have used." —J.B.W., Birmingham, Ohio.

"Your formula is everything you claim it to be and the best to stop head itch and a very fast cure of scalp eruptions." —J.B.W., Long Beach, Calif.

"It is hard to say just what has done it but I have obtained a great improvement in my hair. It is hard to thank you and the Comate Laboratories for producing such a wonderful and amazing formula." —J.B.W., Birmingham, Ala.

"I have found almost instant relief. My itching has stopped with one application." —J.B.W., Birmingham, Calif.

"My hair looks thicker, not falling out like it used to. I will be willing to bet in the future I'll be able to stop it." —J.B.W., Los Angeles, Cal.

"I haven't had my scalp with dandruff since I started using Comate." —J.B.W., Greenville, Tex.

"This formula is everything it is not more than you say it is. I am very happy with what it's doing for my hair." —J.B.W., Los Angeles, Cal.

"I had a severe scalp itch and made the hair fall. I am thankful for the help it has given me in regard to the trouble." —J.B.W., Philadelphia, Pa.

"The bottle of Comate I got from you has done my hair so much good. My hair has been coming out and breaking off for about 12 years. It has stopped so much." —Mrs. J.B., Dallas, Tex.

Today these benefits are available to you just as they were to these anxious men and women when they first read about Comate. If your hair is thinning, gray-dry, or even balding—if you are troubled with dandruff with itching hair loss—you may well be guided by the laboratory tests and the experience of thousands of grateful men and women.

Remember, if your hair loss is due to Seborrhea, Comate CAN and MUST help you. If it is due to causes beyond the reach of Comate Medicinal Formula, you have nothing to fear because our GUARANTEE POLICY assures the return of your money unless delighted. So why delay when delay may make irreparable damage to your hair and scalp. Just mail the coupon below.

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A FEW MONTHS LATER...

HEY, KID--I'VE LOCATED
LA RUE AT LAST! YOU READY
TO TAKE HIM ON?

TO TAKE ON THE
BEST MAN WITH A
WHIP IN THE WEST?
ANYTIME!



LASH WAS IN THE NEXT TOWN AT THE TIME,
SAVING SOME YOUNG LADS. NOW HE HANDED
HIS BULL WHIP--

WATCH
MY
WRIST!



NOW THE DUDE WAS IN TOWN! HE'D DISMOUNTED
AND WAS HEADING RIGHT FOR LASH...

THERE HE IS... WITH
HIS WHIP!



AND BEHIND THE DUDE...

IF THE KID DON'T
GET LA RUE WITH
THAT SUN WE GAVE
HIM, WE WILL FROM
THE SHADOWS!

YEAH--ONLY SINCE IT'S
THE KID WHO'S GOWN
TO BE A MURDERER
WE'LL GET THE BLAME!



HAND OVER THAT
WHIP! HAND OVER
THAT WHIP--I SAID!

GET SOME, BOYS--
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S
SOMETHING TO BE DONE
TODAY!





WHAT'S HAPPENIN' NOW?

THEY'RE STILL TALKIN'!



THEY'RE THROUGH TALKIN' NOW!... BUT WHY DIDN'T THAT FOOL KID USE THE GUN WE GAVE HIM?



DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR LARUE TO THROW HIM!

WON'T TAKE LONG FOR US TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER NEITHER!



BUT THEN --

HEY THE KIDS SHOOT-
IN AT US!

WE BETTER MAKE TRACKS!

KRAK!
KRAK!



NOT SO FAST HOMBRES -- THAT JAIL CELL YOU GOT A FEW MONTHS BACK IS ACHING TO SEE YOU AGAIN!



LATER --

FUNNY HOW EVERYTHING'S WORKED OUT, LARUE! THERE I WAS, BURNING FOR YOU... BUT YOU TRIED TO CALM ME WITH TALK, AND THAT'S HOW YOU FOUND OUT WHO I WAS... AND A FEW SOON AS YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE THE LAW OFFICER WHO HAD ARRESTED MY STEP-FATHER, ALL THE HATE DRAINED OUT OF ME... AND THE REST OF THE TALK WAS HOW TO NAB THOSE TWO!



AND NOW YOU KNOW A BULLWHIP'S LIKE ANY OTHER WEAPON... IT HAS BOTH GOOD AND BAD IN IT... ALL DEPENDING ON WHO'S USING IT AND WHY!

THE
END

THE COWARD AND THE KID



"I'M a coward, a low-down, lily-livered coward," Mark Pallin told himself.

The thought made him miserable but he didn't know what he could do about it. He wished he could fall in a hole. He wished he could wipe out the memory of the past 24 hours. He wished he had never been born. And all the wishes did nothing for him.

He lay on the bed and stared at the ceiling. His half-boots were dirtying the cover, but he wasn't worrying about that. He had bigger things on his mind.

The ceiling of the little hotel room had faded paper, gray with a yellowish cast but, in truth, almost no color. The pastel flower designs had long since disappeared. It was, you might say, a blank ceiling. But not to Mark Pallin's eyes.

Above him he saw a stagecoach, the horses galloping through the valley, then slowing, slowing as they struggled up the grade toward Red Dust Mine. The horses were panting and hunched, harnesses creaking and taut. Then, as it seemed they'd never make it, the horses reached the top of the grade, walking, the wheels of the big wagon barely turning.

But in a minute they were flashing down grade again, picking up speed, carrying on their journey at a gallop. Only there was an interruption. Two masked men, wearing bandanas as masks, appeared from behind a shoulder of rock, pulling down on the stage.

Barney Shagg, the alert old guard, saw them and blasted away with his shotgun. But even as he squeezed the trigger he was too late. Two thugs were entering his chest.

The stage driver pulled the brake and raised his hands. There was nothing else he could do.

"Throw down that box," one of the men ordered.

The driver turned to reach for the small chest that contained the payroll for the Red Dust Mine. He was turned so that he didn't see the mask slip down from the face of one of the gunmen. The man quickly pushed the big handkerchief back in place and when the driver turned to throw down the chest, both men again were masked. One caught the payroll and they spurred their horses and raced away. The driver had no idea who they were.

But Mark Pallin, inside the stage, shivering but watching, had seen that mask slip down. He had recognized one of the men. There could be no mistaking the flat nose, the thick, evil lips, the white scar across the chin. It was Jim Greeley, better known as "Lead Poison" Greeley.

Mark Pallin knew who had murdered old Barney Shagg. And he wished fervently he had not known. It was the kind of secret a man would prefer not to have in his keeping.

"I'm a coward, a low-down, lily-livered coward," groaned the man on the bed, closing his eyes to try to shut out the ugly picture of "Lead Poison" Greeley that his mental projector seemed to be flashing on the ceiling.

But closing his eyes didn't help. Through his mind kept running the picture of the stage, the holdup, the killing. He could not erase those vivid memories from his tortured thoughts. He got up and paced the floor, his boots treading heavily.

"I ought to tell the sheriff," thought Mark. "That dirty murderer ought to hang. But he might not hang. It's only my word against his. And if he didn't hang, he'd be sure to get me. My life wouldn't be worth a dry water hole. He's a killer. He didn't get that name, 'Lead Poison' for nothing. No, I won't tell the sheriff. It's be signing my own death warrant."

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But still he paced, his mind a conflict of jumbled thoughts and emotions.

PRESENTLY he found that the room was too cramped for pacing. He felt hemmed in and stuffy. He went out, along the corridor, down the stairs, through the lobby, out across the broad, wooden porch to the plank sidewalk and then into the dust-laden street. His head was down, his mind was far away. He didn't hear the thundering hoofbeats of the runaway mare. His ears were deaf to the warbling shouts. The wild and frightened animal was hearing down on him.

"Jump, you fool! You'll be trampled to death!" someone screamed. But the words didn't penetrate to Mark's consciousness.

A boy leaped off the board sidewalk, threw his arms around the neck of the wildly plunging steed, and distracted it just enough so that it veered, barely nudging Mark and sending him staggering, off-balance but unhurt. Rearing, the horse shook the boy loose and hurled him to the roadside where he fell in the dust and lay still.

Now aware of what was going on, Mark rushed to the boy and picked him up. He was a slim lad with dark hair. Mark judged him to be about 14. "I—I don't think he's badly hurt," he said to the spectators who crowded around. "Just got the wind knocked out of him, I reckon."

"He saved your life, mister," somebody said. "Risked his own skin to save your life."

"He shore did," chorused someone else.

THE boy began to stir and opened his big brown eyes. "How do you feel, sprout?" asked Mark.

The boy grinned. "I'm okay I guess, mister."

"Well, boy, you saved my life," said Mark. "You risked your neck to save my life. Thanks."

"It wasn't anything," said the boy, now on his feet.

"You might've been killed," Mark pointed out.

"Well," said the boy. "Gramp always taught me that a fellow who is scared to do the right

thing because he might get killed doing it, isn't worth having around. He says a fellow like that might save his own life, but his own life isn't worth saving. Gramp says . . ."

Suddenly the boy stopped speaking as if a big lump had come into his throat. He tried again, half-choking: "Gramp isn't . . ." A big tear leaked out of his eye. The boy turned, hiding his face, lowering his head and walking quickly away from Mark, away from the crowd. Somebody came up the street leading the now docile runaway mare. But Mark Pallin didn't notice. He was watching the receding figure of the young hero who had saved his life, a hero whose shoulders were shivering, a hero who seemed to be sobbing.

"Well, sheriff, that's the story," said Mark. "It was 'Lead Poison' Greeley that shot old Barney Shagg and stole the payroll. The reason I put it all in writing is that I want my testimony to be ready for court even if . . . ah . . . something happens to me."

"I know what you mean," said the sheriff. "You're a brave man to . . ."

"I'm not brave at all," cut in Mark. "I'm a coward. A low-down, kily-livered coward. And I won't really breathe easy at all until Greeley's behind bars."

"Well, if you're such an all-fired coward, then it must be the reward you're interested in," grinned the sheriff. "Reckon most of us got a little nerve when there's money involved. And of course the mining company pays a reward if, say, when that payroll's recovered."

"I am interested in that reward."

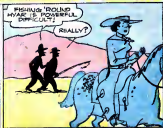
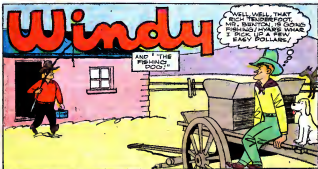
"Thought so."

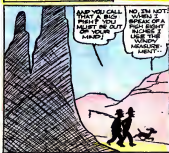
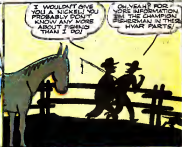
"But I want it to go to old Barney Shagg's grandson."

"What?" exclaimed the sheriff.

"YES," continued Mark. "That boy taught me something that's going to be very valuable to me. More valuable than any gold or silver. He taught me that a fellow who is scared to do the right thing because he might get killed doing it, isn't worth having around. Sheriff, I want to be worth having around."

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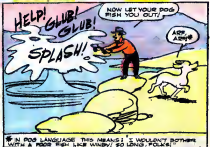
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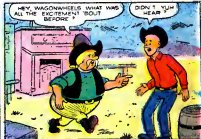


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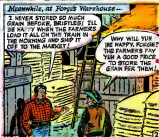
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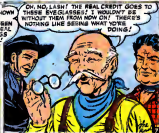
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